

BUSINESS BRIGHTENS UP.

Orders for Goods That Were Cancelled Have Been Rescued.

A MOST ENCOURAGING REVIVAL

In the Retail as Well as the Jobbing Trade—What Some Leading Merchants Say.

With the view of ascertaining the present status of business interests in the city after the experience of the past week, expressions on the subject were solicited yesterday afternoon from a number of the representative wholesale and retail merchants of Houston. They were uniformly of an encouraging nature and are as follows:

Mr. G. A. Mistrof, of Mistrof Bros. & Co.: "Trade is beginning to show some improvement, and today's business is especially good. From personal observation I notice that the people generally are recovering from their fears, confidence is being restored, and the prospects for business from now on are very cheerful. We had several customers today from Alvin. They say that the people down there were very much worked up, but now that it has been proven conclusively that there is not a suspicious case of sickness in the State they are reassured, and we expect a good trade from now on in that section. 'Business,' he continued, 'will undoubtedly revive with the beginning of the coming week. Things were so gloomy last week that on Tuesday we wired our New York and Boston representatives to cancel all orders, but we are today instructing them to again place the orders and have the goods forwarded.'

Mr. Abe M. Levy, of Levy Bros.: "There is a slight increase in business since the quarantine. I appreciate more than anything else the feeling of confidence among the people. The scare is all over now and we will undoubtedly see a vast improvement in all lines during the next few days. We feel very happy over the fact that the scare did not go any further, and I think congratulations are in order now that it has been scientifically demonstrated to the public that no sign of yellow fever exists in Houston, or anywhere in Texas. When we consider it in that light it is very easy to overlook any little inconvenience or loss we have suffered on account of the quarantine."

Mr. George Mellinger, of Browne & Mellinger: "Business with us has picked up almost 50 per cent during the past two days. During the quarantine it was exceedingly dull."

Mr. Ed Klam: "I have noticed an improvement in business since Thursday, when it first began to dawn upon the people that the scare was over nothing. Friday's business was fairly good, and today it is much better. I think if we had not been interrupted by this quarantine our September sales would have been the largest since we have been in business. Prospects, however, for business during the coming two weeks are very good."

Mr. C. F. Parker, of Parker & Archer: "In actual receipts we can hardly say any particular improvement, but from the general feeling expressed by all with whom I have come in contact it is evident that the scare is all over, and commencing Monday morning we look for a marked increase in sales. Continued warm weather, in my opinion, has greatly injured business, and I believe a little cold snap would make a great many forget the yellow fever scare."

Mr. C. Grunwald: "I am experiencing a decided improvement in business during the past two days. Business is starting up again here in the city and country mail orders, which were almost entirely discontinued for several days, are now beginning to come in."

Mr. E. W. Hutchinson, of Haskins & Hutchinson: "Our sales yesterday and today were very much heavier than they were earlier in the week. Trade was very poor until Thursday evening. Our prospects for all business were very flattering when the scare struck the city, and now that it is all over and confidence restored among the citizens, business is bound to revive."

Mr. Charles E. Jones, of L. M. Jones & Co.: "As soon as it was known throughout the city that there was no yellow fever anywhere in Texas, business began to materially improve, and today we have been extremely busy all day long. I don't think the yellow fever scare has affected the general feeling and winter trade, and we anticipate prosperous times from now on. Personally, I have had the utmost confidence in the opinion of Dr. Stuart and the different members of the board of health, and I think they are deserving of a great deal of credit for the vigorous manner in which they have looked after the public welfare during this scare."

Among the wholesale firms matters seemed to wear an even brighter aspect. Mr. W. B. Chew of Carson, Sewall & Co.: "Mr. Sewall, who has charge of the cotton departments is out of the city, but I may say that there has been a very decided improvement during the past forty-eight hours, both in the receipts of cotton and orders for goods. Of course we have not gotten back to normal conditions because the people in the interior do not seem to be entirely over their fright, and then again all of the transportation lines are not opened up. We were beginning to do a very nice business in Louisiana with trade that had theretofore been diverted from New Orleans, when the quarantine was put in effect, which, of course, cut us off entirely from that field. The day we were quarantined against Beaumont we had a great many large orders to fill for different points in that section, but we have been unable to get even a market report over there, let alone ship goods."

"The recent decline in cotton," continued Mr. Chew, "has affected our business to quite an extent. Cotton has declined about \$7.50 per bale since the market opened. This reduction of 20 per cent means a great deal to the small farmers who have debts to pay."

Mr. G. W. Norvell, secretary and treasurer of the Houston Drug Company: "We are simply doing more business during the last two days than we can fairly handle. The volume of our business has increased to such an extent that we are unable to fill all the orders."

A LARGE CONSIGNMENT of Election Breakfast Food has just been received from the State of Louisiana.



HOUSTON—"Please, ma'am, may I go out?" MISS TEXAS—"Yes, dear, but I wouldn't play with those Galveston boys; you might catch some old thing, sure enough."

WERE TOO PRECIPITATE

THE RAISING OF THE LOCAL QUARANTINE.

Why the Authorities Can't Afford to Be Too Hasty in Relaxing the Local Quarantine.

Mr. W. V. E. Watson, in charge of the cotton department, W. D. Cleveland & Co.: "The raising of the quarantine was a wonderful relief of the cotton situation. We have had an active demand for cotton all along, and so far as we are concerned, the cotton business has resumed, and the results of the coming week will no doubt be such as to make us forget the yellow fever scare. Receipts are increasing right along, but the decline in price has, of course, checked the movement of cotton to a certain extent. In this respect we are not inclined as a rule to sell outright, most of our receipts being for storage. Yesterday and today our receipts were very heavy."

Mr. A. S. Cleveland, in charge of the grocery department, W. D. Cleveland & Co.: "We have enjoyed a very good trade during the past two days since the quarantine was raised, and I think by the beginning of next week we will have gotten into our regular stride again. We were tied up tight during the quarantine, not a day leaving our place for over two days. We received a large number of orders for shipment as soon as the quarantine was raised, and consequently we are working overtime today. We look for much better trade after the Eastern country is opened up. We have on hand a great number of orders for Louisiana points between Orange and Algiers, but at present we are unable to get anything further east than Orange. We expect the quarantine of Walker and Wharton counties to be raised tonight. They have been closed against us since the first intimation that we had a suspicious case here, and we have been deprived of a large amount of business in that section."

Surprise Party.

Mrs. Walter O'Leary's home in the First ward was recently the scene of a very pleasant surprise party given by numerous friends living in the neighborhood.

The happy invaders were well supplied with suitable refreshments, and after they were served all the company spent the remainder of the evening in dancing and card playing.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Mochlenhagen, Mr. and Mrs. Reed, Misses Maud and Leona Carson, Helen Murray, Zedie Steele, Millie Stepple, Ruth and Zimmerman, Messrs. John and Willie Gaffenberger, Ed and Sid Brown, Fred Hahn, W. Hahn, Willie Miller, John Scott, Fred Witt, Sam Cronan, Jake Blair, C. Brown, David Wager, Peter Odger and Jean Menerville.

Sol Edel is Back.

Yesterday morning at 4 o'clock Sheriff Ericson arrived over the International and Great Northern from Asheville, N. C., with Sol Edel, who had been arrested by the local authorities of that place on a warrant from Houston, charging him with murder, growing out of the killing of Walter Hughes in this city the 17th of last March.

Edel is now in jail awaiting his trial before the criminal district court at the coming term of that court, which convenes Monday.

The Saturday Market.

New green peas made their debut in the big market yesterday. The market was also well supplied with such vegetables as cucumbers, tomatoes, egg plant, cabbage and plenty of turnips and lettuce.

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THE THEATER SEASON.

ONLY A FEW COMPANIES CAN CELEBRATE THEIR SOUTHERN DATES.

Manager Bergmann Says the Season Will Be Resumed About October 12.

Theater going people in Houston are frequently making inquiries pertaining to the attractions for this season. A Post reporter yesterday met Mr. Bergmann, manager of the opera house, and gleaned some information from him of interest.

Asked how many companies with dates at Houston had cancelled their engagements by reason of the delayed season, Mr. Bergmann replied that seven had already been lost, the experience of the "Bowers" company, which came down in the inception of the quarantine and was compelled to pass by Houston and detained ten days at San Antonio, having had a bad effect on the company's health, and caused some few to entirely abandon their Southern circuit and others changed their routes in such a way as to avoid infected points.

Mr. Bergmann does not anticipate the loss of more than 10 per cent of the entire season's attractions, including the seven dates already cancelled.

The extravaganza "1912" is the next company booked for Houston, to appear October 11, but Mr. Bergmann expects that the regular season will be resumed on October 12, with the Columbia Opera company, which plays a week stand.

He believes that by that time companies coming South will have returned so as to get into Texas from that time on with the accustomed regularity.

"Punch" Robertson, booked for an early date in the season, has already agreed for a later date, and others will follow the example.

The ever popular Grand Opera company is now playing a week's engagement in New Orleans, and is expected to get into this State later in the season.

Brunner Social Club.

The Brunner Social club gave its initial entertainment Friday night at Brunner, and it was a most enjoyable affair, one that will long be remembered among the many social functions of this exceedingly social little community.

The committee having the affair in charge was composed of Messrs. Louis F. Seibert, August Dingledett, W. P. Seibert and John Donnelly. Mrs. W. P. Seibert acted as chaperone for the young ladies.

Those present were Misses Maggie Hoeker, Bertie Priddgen, Bertha Appel, Florence Mills, Bessie Priddgen, Daisy Priddgen, Irene Page, Josephine Voice, Annie Bures, W. Dorothy, and Messrs. E. E. Lessore, W. Tusch, S. Corney, C. Payne, A. Chimes, W. Broedford, C. Kattache, Tom Brooks, Homer Childers, Sam Cronan, Sam Rowe, Sam Lonerer, Robert Dickson, Wood Dickson, Dave Dickson, Fred Seibert, Phil Holmes, Harry Williams, M. J. Buris.

PROGRESS OF THE AUTOPSY.

Dr. Stuart was asked last night if he had received any word from Chemist Shaeffer regarding the result of his examination of the contents of the stomach and other anatomical organs taken from the body of Eva Dunham. He said: "Mr. Shaeffer has made a partial report, reporting to me to the effect that he has found nothing thus far in his analysis indicating that the girl had yellow fever. The analysis will not be completed for several days."

Band Not Disbanded.

Professor Joseph Priests, the leader of the Houston Post band, said the rumor circulated by some of his enemies that his band had disbanded was untrue.

CHEAP GAS QUESTION.

Prospects for Its Protraction by Agitation Good.

WOULD BE PUBLIC BENEFACTORS.

A Plea for Proceeding at a Slow Pace and for the Records of Gas Plant Failures.

To The Post.

Permit me, by way of introduction, to express a compliment to your management and editors for the many recognitions vouchsafed by you of the right of communication by the publications printed heretofore on matters public, and for the impartiality of editorial expression on public questions contained in your excellent medium, the primal principle of which is to be right on all propositions affecting the people and in holding up the hands of officials by whose authority ordinances are passed and enforced for the general welfare in the administration of local government. The gas question has become a conspicuous topic and the prolix pamphlet and posing promoter—would-be public benefactors—have had an inning in your columns, and we feel confident you are not covetous of the proposition, that the city grant a franchise to another and foreign company to experiment in the manufacture of new process gas for illuminating and heating purposes. The low prices quoted are once catching and convincing to the consumer who has been led to believe by dexterous presentations that he is oppressed by greedy monopoly, when such is not the case by any manner of means. The ambient novelty and mystery of "advanced scientific productions" coupled with the spirit of revenge or hope of profit in some way, conceal the motives, while results are magnified, whereby the susceptible are prostrated by mistakes made and languidly lipped because the promoter has made use of their legs longer than the other. But not yet in Houston.

The record of promissory genuines and "new process" benefactors is replete with failure, loss and disgust; there has been no success scored in the manufacture of fuel gas exclusively; it is a physical impossibility to even distribute gas for 30 cents per 1000; there is no gas as good and powerful for general use as coal gas, and therefore, can not give satisfaction. People confident of the profit and excellence of "new process" gas will not hesitate to place guarantees to insure compliance with terms of franchises, and would not bother their heads to induce others to invest and share proposed enormous profits with the discoverer. The record has been where scheming men have made attacks on corporations in operation and succeeded in obtaining a rival franchise, a war of rates follows, then either the sale of one to the owners of the other franchise, or a division of territory, or an agreement upon charges ensues, the result being that the two supply the product at a greater cost than the one, which additional cost is paid by the patron public.

Your commission will not question the motives of the company wanting concessions in Houston for purposes of honest competition, nor of patrons who may be misled by glowing pictures of coined silver saved, but hopes the Post will favor its readers with some history and facts experienced by citizens of cities where coal fuel and grease-stove companies and their efforts have already proven flat failures, to the end that our citizens and local government may not be made the victims of a loss and over-estimation of future results.

There are many ways by which strangers in a strange city may be misled by expert and studied trickery. Take the Kalamazoo investigation for an example as to prohibitions. The Wellsbach burner, with three to four feet capacity, can be made, by drilling, to burn seven to eight feet. These lights could have been covered with those of old burners of the coal gas company. The "new process" having few customers in Kalamazoo, may have introduced our investigators to stockholders "in on the inside" whose stores were ablaze with a superb quality of old reliable illuminator to belazzle the holder. Let us go in a safe pace and investigate further and to a finish. The Kalamazoo plant is a second hand one, from Grand Rapids, Mich., for "revolutionizing" the gas business there.

A Post Reader.

OVER 100 MILES OF PIANOS.

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J. & C. Fischer, one of the oldest piano manufacturing houses in New York City, are the only concern in America that claim to have made over 100,000 pianos.

By referring to their catalogue we see that their pianos average about 5 feet 5 inches in length and 4 feet 9 inches in height. By doing a little figuring we then find that they have made over 102½ million of pianos if placed on a line, or if placed on top of each other they would make a monument 99 miles high, or 855 times higher than the Washington monument at Washington, D. C. This is more than 25 times higher than Mt. St. Elias, the highest mountain peak in the Rocky mountain chain.

The oldest firms in the United States have been and are still handling the Fischer pianos, as also does J. & C. Grunwald, 310 Main street, the popular piano and music dealer of Houston.

Dr. Teban's yellow fever and dengue preventive supplied by A. E. Kessler, druggist, 502 Main street, carefully prepared and in strict accordance with the prescriptions.

The sale of books at 359 Main street is attracting universal attention on account of the unparalleled low prices and the quality and variety of books to be found there. Prices are so marvelously low as to place them within the reach of all.

Auction sales daily at 10:30 a. m. and 1:30 and 7:30 p. m.

All should avail themselves of this opportunity, as this great sale will continue only a few days more.

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Is J. L. Souza, manager of the Houston Nation company, who has been for some time past scouring the markets for correct goods at right prices, and through his usual keen business qualifications, with success and reports that he will be able to show on October 10 as clean a line of pants, overalls, hosiery, gent's furnishing goods and notions as there is in the State, and earnestly solicits a share of your patronage. The company asks that you call and see their stock.

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